

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Urban Council

THE cry for an enlarged Urban Council made at Wednesday's meeting was a pretty loud one. Government can hardly afford to turn a completely deaf ear to it. Method of increasing membership probably is the only serious controversial aspect of the proposition.

The present elected councillors insist that the proper thing is for Government to increase elected representatives. And so long as the "proper" persons (i.e., those with the time and capacity to undertake the ever-growing burdens and responsibilities of Urban Council membership) can be found to stand for election, then in principle no real objection can be raised to the proposition of Messrs Raymond Lee, Philip Au, P. C. Woo and Brook Bernacchi.

The shortage of candidates in the recent election cannot be wholly attributed to the fact that only two seats were vacant. The fact is, Urban Council work has become rather frightening in its demands on people whose spare time is limited. And the yardstick of effective councillorship is not the number of people willing to put their names forward for election, but their availability for the many hours of labour which Urban Council membership demands. And this applies as much to nominated members as those who are elected.

It is not so much their voice which the people want to be heard in the Urban Council as the practical meeting of their needs. Thus it makes little difference to the man in the street whether a preponderance of nominated, or a majority of elected representatives fulfil their functions, so long as they accomplish what the public requires.

Mr Bernacchi on Wednesday made a do-do about the first duty of the Opposition being to oppose, which sounds rather fine, but isn't notably constructive. And from one who has worked hard and positively in the interests of the general public this comes as a rather strange platform cry for elected representatives to the Urban Council.

The achievements of the Council during the past year are by no manner of calculation mean. The radical changes which the present elected members hoped for have not, perhaps, materialised, but there is nothing to show that is either a bad thing or a good thing. The Council, without unduly preening itself, can claim it has worked soundly and conscientiously. The aim must be to make certain if the Urban Council is enlarged, it will continue to carry out its functions in the same faithful manner.

TORY PARTY STRUGGLE FOR POWER FORECAST

Two Of The Triumvirate



MR R. A. BUTLER



MR MacMILLAN

Butler's Body Recovered

London, Apr. 6. A body recovered from the River Thames on Sunday was identified today as that of Oscar Rudolph Fuchs, missing former temporary butler of Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, India's High Commissioner in London.

Police who began a hunt for 65-year-old Fuchs when he disappeared last month, stated that the body was recovered at a lock up the river from London, but there was nothing to show where or when he entered the water.

The Coroner returned an open verdict.

Fuchs, Dresden-born German, acted for a few weeks as Mrs Pandit's personal butler until her own arrival from India. He was then given notice of termination of services, but left without collecting his weekly wage and leaving his belongings behind in three suitcases.

His 70-year-old English wife, who had been living at a hotel near the residence of the Indian High Commissioner, was stated at today's inquest to be a mental patient at present in hospital.

China Mail Special.

Eden's Position "Exposed And Precarious"

HAS EAGER RIVALS

London, Apr. 6. Two influential weekend reviews, one right-wing the other Socialist, today hinted that Sir Anthony Eden's succession to the premiership would begin a struggle for power within the ruling Conservative Party.

The rightwing Spectator, commenting on Sir Winston Churchill's resignation, discussed a possible "struggle for power" within a Conservative "triumvirate."

The leftwing New Statesman and Nation declared that Sir Anthony's position was "exposed and precarious" as his hold on the party machine was "extremely weak."

The Spectator's editorial said: "Whatever kind of Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden proves to be, the Conservative Party is from now on going to be governed by a triumvirate."

"These three men, Sir Anthony Eden himself, Mr R. A. Butler (Chancellor of the Exchequer) and Mr Harold Macmillan (Minister of Defence) are all in one way or another identified with the new conservatism. They all played their different roles between 1945 and 1950.

"But the precedents make it clear that a triumvirate such as this, which includes two being apparent, are not tightly knit and united bodies.

"Differences of personality, of policy and of ambition sooner or later make themselves felt and a struggle for power follows. There is every possibility that this may happen within the Conservative Party now, and that Sir Anthony Eden will have to seek an ally among his two senior lieutenants as a counterpoise to the third."

BUTLER'S POPULARITY

The New Statesman and Nation in a passage on a similar theme said "undoubtedly the position of Sir Anthony Eden is both exposed and precarious.

"No one who knows this parliament would deny that if the succession had to be decided by a secret ballot of the 1922 Committee (of Conservative back benchers), Mr Butler would have won it by a handsome majority.

"Though he is an excellent diplomat, a successful debater and enjoys wide popularity in the country, the new Prime Minister's hold on the Tory machine is extremely weak.

"Here he has some good friends, but far more eager rivals.

ON TRIAL

"In the months ahead, he will be a Prime Minister on trial and neither Mr Butler nor Mr Macmillan will do much to save him from the consequences of mistakes or misfortunes," the New Statesman and Nation said.

Both reviews agreed in their editorials that Sir Winston Churchill's resignation would mean a return to typical Conservative Party rule.

The New Statesman and Nation forecast that Sir Anthony Eden, Mr Macmillan, Mr Butler and Lord Salisbury were "most unlikely to inaugurate any of

those adventurous policies which have—at least spasmodically—attracted Sir Winston throughout his life.—Reuter.

ELECTED LEADER

London, Apr. 6. Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, was tonight unanimously elected leader of the Conservative Parliamentary Group—France-Press.

Emotional Farewell At Downing Street

London, Apr. 6. Sir Winston Churchill, his hand shaking with emotions as he waved his cigar at cheering, weeping crowds, said a sad farewell to No. 10 Downing Street tonight.

The 80-year-old statesman, who resigned as Prime Minister yesterday, left his official residence for the last time to drive to Chartwell, his country home in Kent.

The watching sentimental crowd, men silent, women dabbing handkerchiefs to their eyes, watched his possessions—and his pet—being carried out.

Then the old statesman appeared before the crowd. He held him the Downing Street staff were assembled singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Tears stood in Sir Winston Churchill's eyes as 1,000 voices from the street hailed him. But up went two fingers in the famous "V" sign.

Lady Churchill, who will not leave Downing Street until tomorrow, waved from an upstairs window.

FURROWED BROW

Once settled in the car, the aged statesman looked back with set lips and furrowed brow at the door of his London home through the war years.

All the sadness of goodbye was in his eyes when he raised his face again to the crowds and managed to find a smile for them.

Slowly, very slowly, the car pulled away. Then the crowd went wild, broke past the police and surrounded the windows.

All along the short, narrow street the crowds shouted affectionately, sang and cheered. Then once out of the crush, Churchill leaned back, lit a fresh cigar and was speeded away from the scene of his triumphs.

AT CHARTWELL

A small knot of about 30 villagers waited outside the gates of Chartwell to greet Sir Winston Churchill.

He waved his hand and shouted to the group: "Come in the grounds all of you and see my goldfish."

Once inside he spotted a small crippled woman in an invalid chair—Mrs Hilda West, who has come to the district for a holiday.

The old statesman who did not know her walked straight over and shook hands with her.

"He walked around shaking hands with more people. Then with Rufus, the poodle, jumping at his feet, entered his home.—Reuter.

MPs Give Eden A Pledge

London, Apr. 6. Conservative rank and file members of parliament tonight declared their "complete confidence" in the new British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, assuring him of their "loyalty and support at all times."

The rankers made this known after a special and crowded private meeting called at the House of Commons to discuss Sir Winston Churchill's resignation and Sir Anthony Eden's appointment as Prime Minister.

A statement after the meeting said the chairman of the back benchers, Mr Derek Walker-Smith, was asked to convey to Sir Winston Churchill their "deep and lasting appreciation of his great services as Prime Minister and of his leadership of the (Conservative) Party in the House of Commons."

The chairman was also asked to inform Sir Anthony Eden of the Conservative MPs "warm welcome to his appointment as Prime Minister, their complete confidence in him in the discharge of the great tasks before him, and the assurance at all times of their loyalty and support"—Reuter.

Second Wife For Premier Of Pakistan

Karachi, Apr. 6. Prime Minister Mohammed Ali of Pakistan has married his social secretary, Alia Saadi, it was learned authoritatively here today.

She is his second living wife.

Miss Saadi, who is of Lebanese stock, is a Canadian by nationality.

She was on the plane which brought Mr Mohammed Ali home today from attending a conference in Geneva of Pakistan's Middle East diplomats.

WED IN BEIRUT

Miss Saadi is 28. She has been Mr Ali's social secretary for five years. It was learned that they were married quietly at Beirut, the Lebanon, while en route home from Switzerland.

Mr Mohammed Ali has been married to the first Begum Mohammed Ali for more than 14 years and has two sons. She accompanied him to the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in London last 1953.

Mr Mohammed Ali's second marriage was possible under Moslem law which permits a man to take as many as four wives at one time provided he treats them "with justice and equity"—Reuter.

MIRACLE OF SURGERY

New York, Apr. 6. Surgeons gave a 14-year-old Australian girl, born without arms and deformed by polio, a new lease on life yesterday.

Little Janet Kramer left Hasbrouck Hospital, New Jersey, here today, the happiest she has been since polio all but crippled her four years ago, proudly swinging an artificial arm and working a hand which surgeons said was impossible to attach to her badly bent body.

Dr Harris K. Cohen, Administrator at Hasbrouck Hospital, who has done extensive research in the field of prosthetics (the addition to the body of some artificial part) said that the attachment of an arm to the girl's deformed body marked another milestone in that form of surgery.

He said prosthetics specialists believed it would fit the girl, with an artificial limb, because she was born without shoulders or shoulder muscles, and had a severe spinal curvature due to polio.

Dr Cohen said that Janet spent nearly a year seeing specialists in the United States before she was referred to Hasbrouck Hospital as a last resort.—United Press.

Fishermen Seek Asylum

Copenhagen, Apr. 6. Three East German fishermen today sought asylum in Denmark, after their trawler ran aground, a sand-bank on the Danish island of Bornholm, in the Baltic Sea.

The fishermen turned themselves over to the police on the island while their captain was away seeking help to refloat the vessel.

They were placed in protective custody in the island town of Rønne. The trawler ran aground yesterday.—France-Press.

Hongkong Refugees ACTION ON HAMBRO'S PROPOSALS PROMISED

London, Apr. 6. Mr Reginald Sorensen (Labour) asked in the House of Commons today when the United Nations Commission's Advisory Committee was likely to conclude its consideration of Dr Edward Hambro's proposals on refugees and their dependents in Hongkong.

He asked what action the government had taken to expedite consideration "in view of the pressing nature of the problem and the burden borne by the Hongkong Government."

Lord John Hope, the Foreign Under-Secretary, replied: "Dr Hambro's report was presented to the Advisory Committee at its last meeting in December, 1954. At that time, the committee had not had an opportunity to study the report in detail and it was therefore agreed to defer consideration until the first meeting of the Commission's new Executive Committee, which is to be held on May 10."

PRESSING PROBLEM

Mr Sorensen pressed the government to expedite action on this matter.

"The problem in Hongkong is a very pressing one indeed," he said, "and Dr Hambro's proposals would go a long way to relieve what amounts to destitution on the part of many of these unfortunate people."

Lord John Hope replied that it had not been possible to do anything up to now but it would not be long before appropriate action was taken.—Reuter.

Soviet Proposal Rejected

Tokyo, Apr. 6. The Japanese Foreign Ministry tonight rejected a Russian proposal that "peace" negotiations be held in Moscow or Tokyo and reiterated the earlier Japanese proposal that talks be held in New York.

The Foreign Ministry said in an announcement tonight it was "difficult to understand" why Soviet Russia had again raised the question of site for talks after agreeing they could hold discussions in New York.—Reuter.

Admiral Radford On Formosa

Washington, Apr. 6. Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, said here today that the situation in the Formosa Straits did not present any immediate danger.

Adm. Radford made this statement at a sub-committee meeting here today.—France-Press.

No China Mail Tomorrow

Tomorrow, being Good Friday, there will be no publication of the China Mail.

On Saturday there will be two editions of the 20-page China Mail, the usual one which will be on the streets before 11 a.m., and a second which will carry the full draw of the Hongkong Derby sweepstake.

This second edition will be on sale shortly after midday.

The South China Morning Post publishes as usual tomorrow, but will not appear on Saturday morning.

The Daily Worker Publishes

And With A Tirade Against Churchill

London, Apr. 6. The Communist Daily Worker broke strike-bound Fleet Street's national newspaper blackout tonight.

The Reds announced they were not breaking any strike. Within 20 minutes, copies of the Worker were rolling from the presses in the first burst of printing since a strike by maintenance workers silenced the journalistic heart of Britain 13 days ago.

For the first time in its chequered history, the Worker became London's most widely-read newspaper. Ironically, the first newspaper to print in Britain since a wage walkout silenced the centre of British journalism 13 days ago gave the world's biggest city a Communist picture of the news.

"The Worker" aired a bitter editorial broadside against the "worn out shadow of the ambitious young man"—Sir Winston Churchill. But attacks on the Tories and the "moderates" against Sir Winston were tucked neatly beneath the customer-enticing banner headline: "Let's get the job done."

The attacks on Sir Winston were bitter—even for the Tory-baiting Reds.

"Peace confidence trickster," said a feature headline. "He lived and dreamed in the past," said another.—United Press.

Chinese Caught With Opium

London, Apr. 6. A 37-year-old Chinese seaman, Cheung Koo-ying, was fined £100 or four months' imprisonment, in court here today for possessing opium worth £12,000 sterling.

Police said that Cheung, of the 8,028-ton British ship Gallie, was stopped when leaving London's West India dock when three packets of opium were found in his possession.—China Mail Special.

The 'Goldfish' Tell Their Tales

A new series begins in this Saturday's China Mail: it is the hitherto untold exploits of the Goldfish Club.

Told by Ralph Barker, this story, packed with wartime thrills and excitement, relives the hazardous lives of a unique fraternity of R.A.F. airmen who came down in the sea—and survived!

Don't miss the first chapter—"The Night We Snatched The Germans' Radar Secret"—in this Saturday's feature-packed, week-end edition of the China Mail.

Feature writer, William Smyly begins the story of the back-room boys of Hongkong's CID: how our Police force track down the criminals from files and records laboriously compiled in the last ten years.

These are just two of the highlights of this Saturday's China Mail. Here are some others:

- Hugh Lught examines the Russia-Red China alliance and foresees some worrying days ahead for the men of the Kremlin.
- Milton Shulman, in our new series "Boxes of London" tells the story of the Prince of Make-Believe, Prince Little.
- Let Armour examines Graham Greene's new book "Loser Takes All". His conclusion: there are signs that the jocular Greene may be getting the best of gloomy Greene.

In addition there is a short story, three pages of home-aid and local photographs, Jane Roberts' reviews of the Easter films in Hongkong, cartoons by Giles and Low and all your regular favourite features—plus selections for Saturday's meetings at the Valley.—All in the China Mail.

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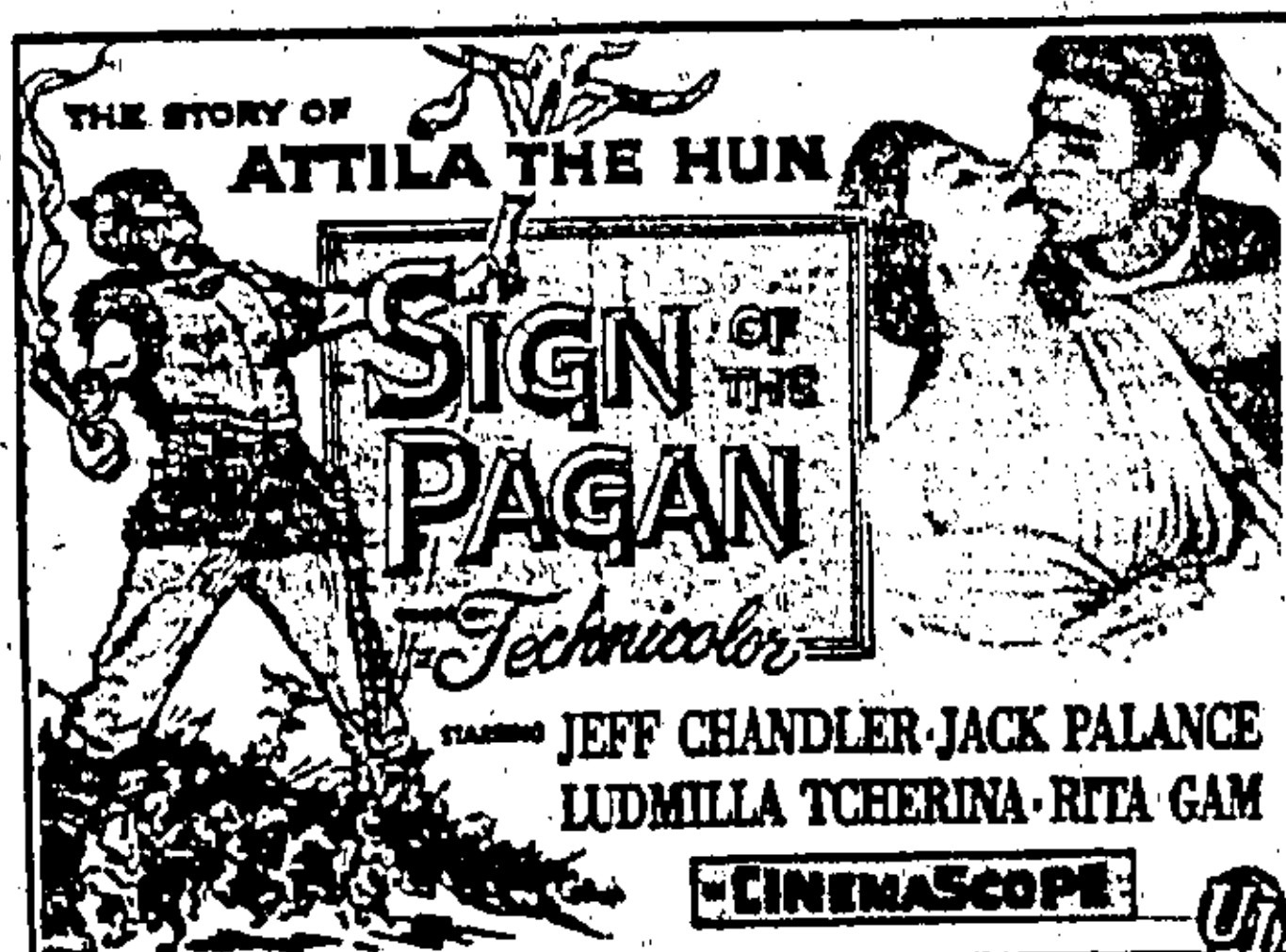
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DIFFICULT PROBLEM

Washington, Apr. 6.

United States Air Force Chief General Nathan F. Twining said today that the American Air Force was giving the "highest priority" to the development of intercontinental guided missiles.

Gen. Twining, who was addressing the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee, said also that the US was making "satisfactory" progress in studying production of the atomic aeroplane.

He said that such a plane would revolutionise aviation and give planes an unlimited range.

RED DEVELOPMENT

Gen. Twining said the Soviet Union was working on intercontinental missiles capable of destroying objectives in the United States.

The development of such missiles, Gen. Twining said, constituted the most difficult problem in history. The missiles would attain a speed of more than 10,000 miles per hour, he said. They would be launched from isolated, well-camouflaged bases, difficult to find and destroy.

The Senate Sub-Committee is studying the proposed appropriations for the armed forces for the 1956 fiscal year. — France-Press.

**Mummy Buried
In Error**

Vienna, Apr. 6.

A 2,500-year-old Egyptian mummy has been recovered from a cemetery in Communist Czechoslovakia where it was buried by mistake last year, Prague newspapers said today.

They said that the valuable relic was carted away from a museum at the Bohemian town of Kraslice and buried in a new grave because a local official pronounced it no longer fit for display.

When archaeologists in Prague learned of the mummy's fate they ordered it to be exhumed from the cemetery at once and taken to Prague to see if it could be repaired. It had undergone "extensive damage" underground, the reports said. — United Press.

**Heroine's Child
To Be
Returned**

Marseilles, Apr. 6.

A French Resistance heroine learned with joy today that the child born to her in a German prison more than 11 years ago would be returned to her, despite the opposition of German foster-parents.

It was by reading her newspaper in Marseilles today that Madame Gadi - Philippeau learned that the American High Commission Appeals Court Judge Ambrose Fuller had a few days ago decided that her daughter Josette - Claude should be returned to her. Judge Fuller of the Frankfurt Court had, on two previous occasions ruled that Josette-Claude should stay with her foster-parents. — France-Press.

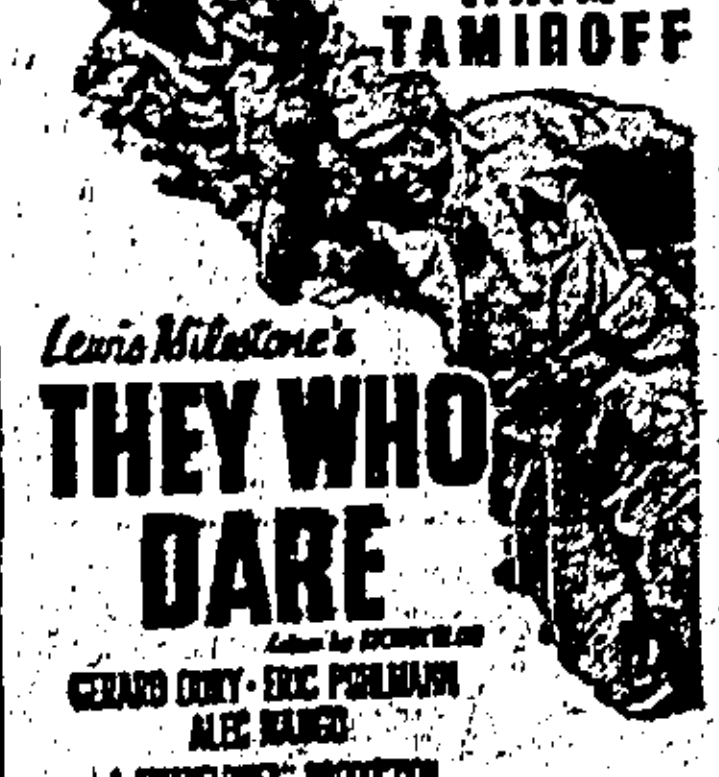
**Victory For Townsend
On French Track**Paris, Apr. 6.
GROUP Captain Peter Townsend, making his first appearance in a French racecourse, rode Némrod, to victory in the Prix Henri de Vésian flat race for gentlemen at Maisons Laiffie, near here, today.

The event was over one mile one furlong and is valued at 100,000 Francs (about £200). Before the race Captain Townsend had smilingly told reporters that he hoped his first race in France would not be his last.

He said that he was a little worried because the starting procedure for French races is different from that to which he was used in England and Belgium. A dozen policemen held back cheering crowds of admirers as Townsend rode on to the course for the race.

He started badly and was well behind the other seven riders during the early moments of the race, but gradually improved his position. In an exciting finish, Townsend won by a neck at the post.

The Group Captain, who is British air attaché in Brussels, said he was delighted by his victory and hoped to come back again to take part in other events. — China Mail Special.

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Western Defence**

General Gruenther, Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces in Europe, spoke of Defence of Western Europe, at a private meeting of the "European Atlantic Group", held at the House of Commons recently. Picture shows: General Gruenther seen arriving for the meeting (right). — Express Photo.

**BY JUPITER!
RADIO STATIC**

Princeton, Apr. 6.

Two scientists reported today that the giant planet Jupiter is emitting bursts of radio static.

The emissions have been picked up on earth in "the first recorded instance of such waves being received from one of the other planets."

The report on Jupiter was made to the American Astronomical Society here by Drs. Bernard F. Burke and Kenneth L. Franklin of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

SHORT BURSTS
The radio waves from Jupiter, largest of the planets, were received by the Institution's huge radio telescope near Seneca, Maryland. They consist of short, random bursts of static resembling thunder-storm interference.

Dr. Burke and Dr. Franklin said that the explanation of Jupiter's radio emission is not known, but the Carnegie Institution said it might be caused by disturbances in the atmosphere of Jupiter similar to thunderstorms but on a much larger scale.

Jupiter is mammoth by comparison with the earth. At its equator it is 88,700 miles in diameter. Earth's diameter is 7,927 miles. Despite its great mass, Jupiter rotates much more rapidly than the earth, once every nine hours and 50 minutes.

In recording the broadcasts from Jupiter, the Carnegie Institution's scientists were doing close-up work, so to speak. The big planet, now the brightest night-time object in the sky next to the moon, circles the sun at distances of 367,000,000 to 600,000,000 miles from the earth.

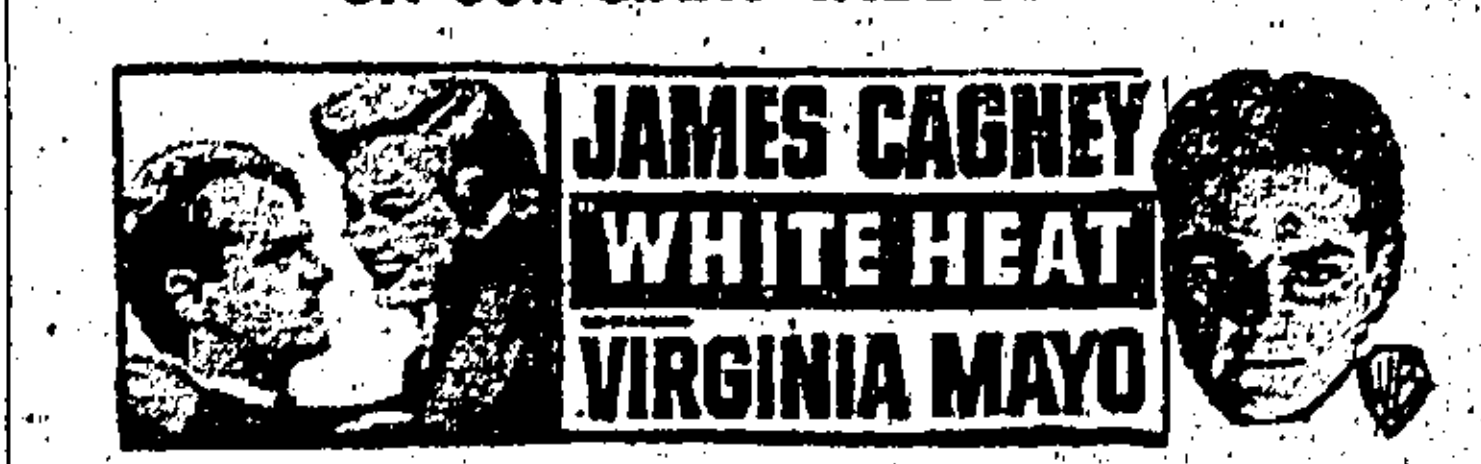
Dr. Burke and Dr. Franklin said that Jupiter's signals were "conspicuous at a frequency of 22 megacycles."

SENSITIVE RECEIVERS

They can be observed about one day out of three at Seneca during the six minutes the planet is in the narrow beam of the radio telescope. The scientists used extremely sensitive radio receivers and an antenna so big it fills a 90-acre field. — United Press.

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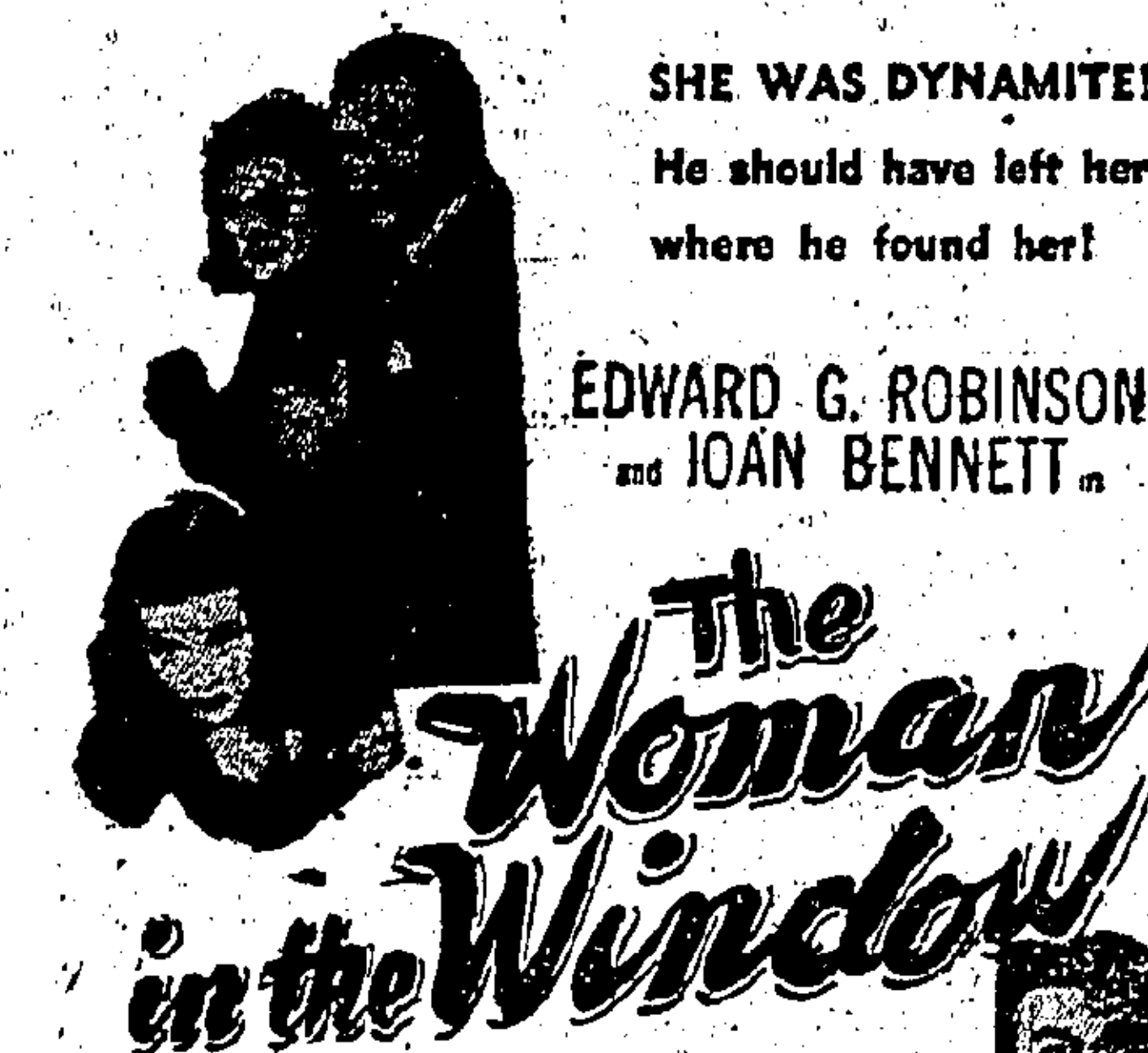
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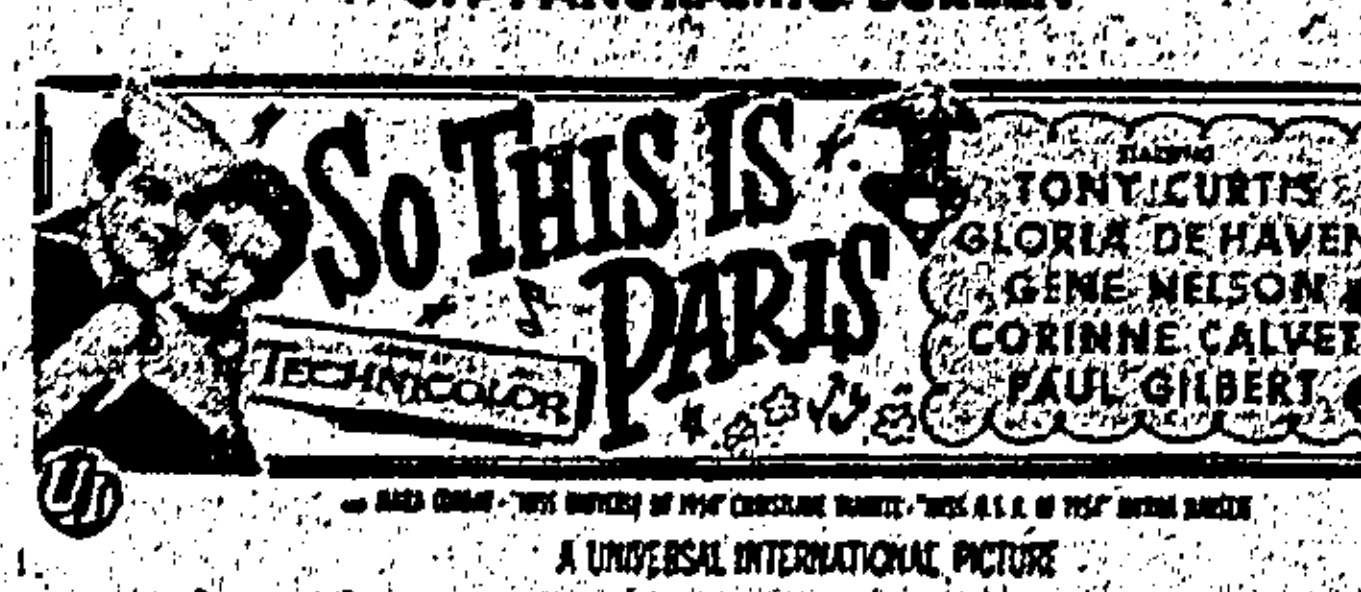
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Propaganda War Against Formosa

CHINA REPLIES

London, Apr. 6. Communist "New China News Agency" today accused Mr. John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, of "uttering new war threats" in his statement yesterday that the United States would defend Quemoy and Matsu if that was vital to the defence of Formosa.

The Agency said: "His utterances also made it clear that American 'cease-fire' talk was merely part and parcel of the American scheme to seize Taiwan (Formosa)." —Reuter.

Eases Off TOUGH ATTITUDE MAINTAINED AGAINST ISLANDS

Washington, Apr. 6.

The United States and its allies are giving closest attention to signs that the Chinese Communists have slackened their propaganda campaign in support of their threatend "liberation" of Formosa, it was disclosed today.

Red broadcasts aimed at the Chinese people were said to be stressing less threatening themes.

There is evidence, for example, that Formosa propaganda dropped from a peak of 20 per cent in broadcasts last November-December to about five per cent today.

This reduction in Formosa propaganda has prompted interest in Washington, London, New Delhi and other capitals on the prospects of reducing tension in the Formosa Straits area.

NO SOFT TONE

To date, however, diplomats said behind-the-scenes efforts by Britain and India had not produced any parallel soft tone in Red China's "tough attitude" against Formosa, offshore island truce moves.

Red China, informants said, still rebuffs truce overtures by blaming the United States and Nationalist China for tensions. Britain and India were said to be regarded by the Reds as United States "stooges" because of their truce efforts.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said yesterday that the United States and its allies were working to eliminate "dangerous elements" from the "highly dangerous" Far Eastern situation.

Mr. Dulles told a news conference that cease-fire hopes had been made abundantly clear to the Red Chinese.

"So, if there is any war, it will be entirely due to the provocation and initiative" of the Chinese, Mr. Dulles said. "If, in fact, the Chinese Communists are faithful to what they talk about—peace—then there will be no fighting in the area."

Mr. Dulles' reference to Red China's "peace talk" surprised some of his listeners. But experts pointed to the survey of Red China broadcasts and said that the emphasis had changed from Formosa "liberation" to "non-interference in China's internal affairs...peace...co-existence" and a softer propaganda tone.

As if trying to match this tone, Mr. Dulles emphasised that the United States has only one commitment concerning the situation to defend Formosa and the Pescadores islands.

"We have no commitment of any kind, sort or description, expressed or implied, which binds the United States to anything except the defence of Formosa and the Pescadores," Mr. Dulles said.

Mr. Dulles left unchanged, however, previous flexible American policy, which could bring prompt American retaliation if a Red Chinese attack against the Quemoy and Matsu islands were deemed to be part of an attack on Formosa.

NOT CONVINCED

Authorities are not convinced they know why the Chinese Red regime is talking less to the Chinese people about Formosa these days. There are several ideas, including:

1. The Reds may have discovered that any hopes they had of using the Formosa crisis as a spur to home-front activity has boomeranged. Negative reactions may have developed over war fears.

2. Formosa drum beating may be dropping in advance of this month's big Afro-Asian conference in Indonesia. The Chinese Reds may be trying to get wider support for their anti-American policies.

3. Britain and India may have had some success in quieting the Red propaganda campaign on Formosa. If so, the Reds may be a little easier to deal with later—United Press.

NZ Squadron Leaves Cyprus For Malaya

Cyprus, Apr. 7.

A ceremonial farewell to the 14th Squadron of the Royal New Zealand Air Force—bound for anti-terrorist operations in Malaya—was given here today.

Sir Robert Armitage, Governor of Cyprus, clad in full ceremonial dress, reviewed the Squadron and expressed regret that New Zealand's association with Cyprus had ended.

"But I know you will be pleased to put into practical use in an operational theatre all the skill and training you have acquired here," he said.

Air Marshal Sir Claude Pelly, Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East Air Force, thanked the squadron for its contribution to the Command.

LAST TIME
The RAF and the RNZAF pennants flew side by side during the ceremony—for the last time in the Middle East.

As the last New Zealand airman marched by the saluting base the NZ pennant was lowered, marking the end of two and a half years' service in the Middle East.

Britain's Secretary of State, Lord de Lisle and Dudley, today sent a special message to New Zealand's Defence Minister on the occasion of the departure of the squadron from Cyprus for Malaya.

The message said: "I express on behalf of Her Majesty's Government thanks for the contribution which the Squadron has made to the peace and security of the Middle East since it joined the Middle East Command two and half years ago. We look forward with great pleasure to its arrival in Malaya." —Chine Mail Special.



'Witch' Saw Murder In The Cards AND MADAME DIED

Paris, Apr. 6.

"I have seen it in the cards: I shall die murdered," 60-year-old Madame Suzanne Poinot, the "Witch of Noailles," had told her neighbours.

Madame Poinot was once prosperous. She had married an expert in black magic who told fortunes to many people in France and even abroad.

When he died, she attempted to carry on. But she did not know her art well enough to become a successful fortune-teller and she became poor.

Shabbily dressed, dishevelled, she really looked like a witch. Three months ago, telling fortune to an agricultural worker, Andre Fraines, she told him, "You will land in gaol after murdering someone."

Then, she established a relationship between this prediction and what the cards had told her on her own fate. She believed that Fraines would murder her.

She began waking in the middle of the night, alerting neighbours shouting, "Fraines is here. He wants to murder me." Of course, Fraines was found peacefully asleep at home.

BAD DAY

"Friday will be a bad day for me," she told neighbours.

What happened is not clear. Saturday morning, as lights were still burning in her home, the gendarmes were alerted and found the "witch" dead, with her head bashed in.

Questioned, Fraines admitted having had several drinks with her on Friday night. She was drunk, he said, and began insulting him and beating him.

In the end, he pushed her roughly and she fell on the corner of the fireplace and was killed.

Did the witch provoke him into murdering her to make her prediction come true and not "lose face" before the villagers?

The President of Lebanon, H. E. Camille Chamoun, accompanied by his wife and retinue, were received in audience by the Pope at the Vatican. The Lebanese President is on an official visit to Rome.

Picture shows: the scene as the President and his wife (seen behind him) left the Vatican after audience with the Pope. They are accompanied to their car by the Swiss Guard and other Vatican officials. —Express Photo.

Dulles Will Attend UN Anniversary

Washington, Apr. 6. Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, will represent the United States at the 10th anniversary commemoration of the signing of the United Nations Charter in San Francisco in June, the State Department announced today. —Reuter.

Society Spiv Fees

LONDON SEASON FROM £2,000 UP

Johannesburg, Apr. 6.

A warning has been issued in Johannesburg to South African mothers to avoid "society spivs" who seek to fleece Commonwealth and American families to introduce their daughters as debutantes into top drawer social life in London.

"The season," with its highlight of presentation at Buckingham Palace, has begun in Britain. Some 1,000 lucky young debutantes of 1955 had tea and fruit cake in the State apartments recently before curtsying to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

OUTRAGEOUS FEES
"This was the launching ceremony, but for many debutantes it had been preceded by the payment of outrageous fees to some aristocratic 'chaperons'—a woman just back from London, told the Press in an interview recently.

"For the South African girl, the initial hurdle to debdom is

inclusion on the High Commissioner's list. But to enjoy her season to the fullest, she must attend the right parties and dances—i.e. where the sharks come in for the kill."

Some of the discreet advertisements in the personal columns of London newspapers were inserted by these "society spivs" who offered to chaperone a debutante throughout the season.

Their fee was from £2,000 upwards with expenses. Gifts of jewellery that could be sold easily were preferred to cash.

An underground—and quite unofficial—"committee of mothers" decided who would be the favoured 150 debutantes of the inner circles.

YOUNG ESCORTS

Only this group could command the bright young men to escort them to Goodwood, Ascot, Henley Regatta, the Eton and Harrow cricket match at Lords and other major social events.

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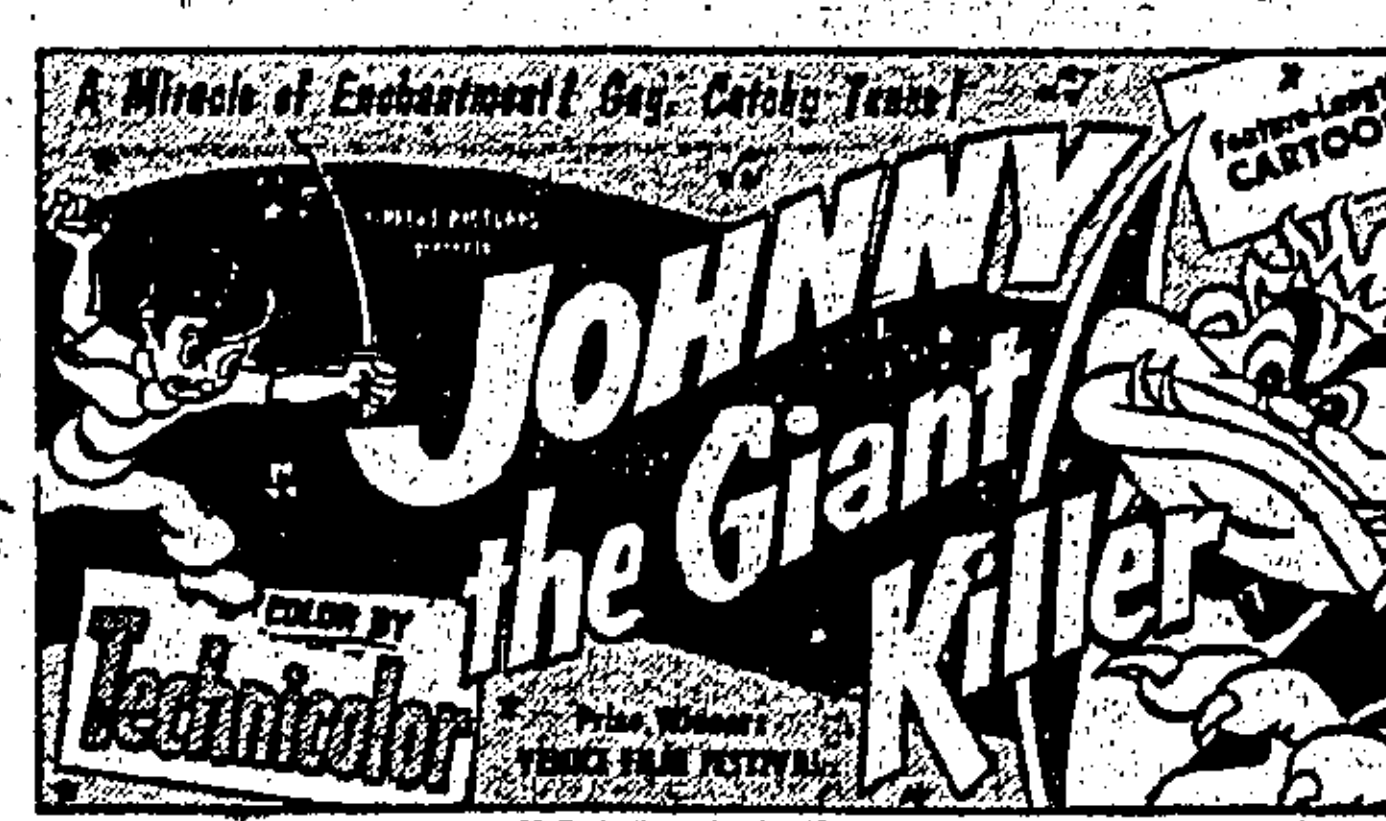
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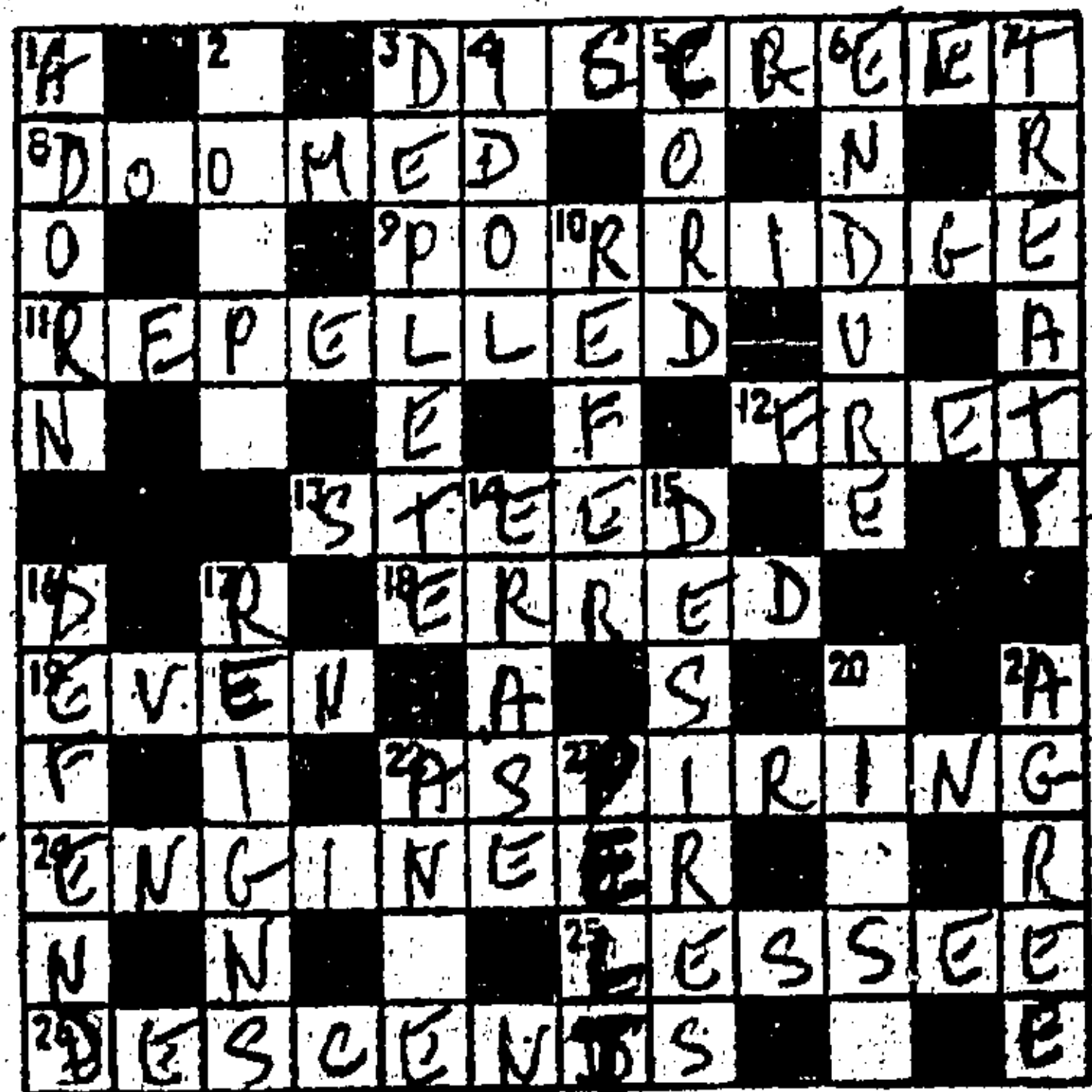
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Prudent (8).
 - 8 Fated (8).
 - 9 Breakfast dish (8).
 - 11 Drove back (8).
 - 12 Worry (4).
 - 13 Mount (5).
 - 18 Went wrong (5).
 - 19 Smeared (4).
 - 22 Desiring earnestly (8).
 - 24 Bring about (8).
 - 25 Tenant (8).
 - 26 Drops (8).
- DOWN**
- 1 Bedeck (5).
 - 2 Military formation (5).
 - 3 Exhaust (7).
 - 4 Object of worship (4).
 - 5 String (4).
 - 6 Last (6).
 - 7 Agreement (8).
 - 10 Allude to (5).
 - 14 Rub out (5).
 - 15 Wants (7).
 - 16 Protect (6).
 - 17 Rules (6).
 - 20 Premier (5).
 - 21 Concur (5).
 - 23 Girl's name (4).
 - 25 Rain heavily (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 3 Affirmed, 7 Error, 8 Earnings, 10 Oceans, 13 Release, 15 Come, 17 Entered, 18 Rapiers, 20 Expo, 21 Tussore, 26 Reeled, 27 Followed, 28 Adept, 29 Restrained. Down: 1 Senior, 2 Creel, 3 Arena, 4 Inns, 5 Menior, 6 Dashed, 9 Assert, 11 Cedar, 12 Aerie, 14 Casare, 15 Cause, 16 Heire, 18 Beefer, 19 Palms, 22 Soda, 23 Older, 24 Edit, 25 Moor.

Ending LEONARD MOSLEY'S version of 'SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS'

★ The seven wild Pontipee brothers live together on a lonely farm in Oregon. U.S. Adam marries Milly Brown, then his brothers "kidnap" six girls from the town; but an avalanche cuts them off on the farm for the winter before they can marry. Comes spring, and Adam decides the girls must go back. Now Milly concludes the story.

M Y brothers-in-law heard about Adam's decision to take back the girls, and held a meeting. "We're not going to let you do it, Adam," they said. "They're our girls now."

He pushed them angrily back. "What do I have to do—beat some sense into your dumb heads? Don't you know taking them back is the only way you're going to get them? The whole town's coming up here—and you'll fight them, is that it?"

"And who'll you be fighting? The girls' kinfolks? And say someone gets hurt, a father or a brother, maybe? Think the girl will marry you after that?"

One by one they strode over to Adam and shook his hand. "You're right. We'll send them back. We'll go and get them for you now," they said.

BUT when they searched the kitchen for the girls they were not there. Nor in the yard either. Nor in the barn. Only when they went into the cowshed and the chickenhouse and the woodshed did they find them, hiding away.

"We don't want to go back!" they were screaming. "We want to stay here with you!"

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"You've got to go. It's the only way," the brothers said. But still the girls screamed and protested, so that the boys had to grab hold of them and carry them, kicking and shouting, to the wagon.

It was just at the height of the hullabaloo, with all the girls scratching and tearing at the boys, that the parents from the town, guns ready, crept into view of the farmhouse. They gazed horrified at the scene.

The Reverend Mr. Elcott, among the leaders, said a swift prayer: "After all these months those brutish men are still attacking our poor girls! Nothing is too bad for such monsters. Men, get your guns!"

Just at that moment, from inside the house, my baby began to cry. The Reverend Mr. Elcott's face went white. "Oh, no," he said. "Oh no, not that too!"

They loaded up their guns and prepared to move in.

The boys were so busy chasing after the girls and carrying them to the wagon, ready to take them back to their parents in the town, that they did not notice that the parents were already here—and thirsting for vengeance.

How were they to guess that the girls were fighting—not to get away from my brutal brothers-in-law, but because they didn't want to go home.

But the Reverend Mr. Elcott and the other fathers and brothers fell upon the Pontipee brothers with murder in their hearts.

The boys never had a chance. The parents flung themselves upon them and tore them away.

PEEVED OVER PIPING

From FRANK GOLDSWORTHY

SOME of the officers in the aircraft carrier Centaur are a little off-colour just now.

No, the sea is calm. The trouble goes further than that to Mr. J.P.L. Thomas, First Lord of the Admiralty, in fact.

Word has reached here of Mr. Thomas's decision to take away the coloured cloth specialists officers wear between the gold on their sleeves.

The idea, announced in the Commons, is part of a scheme to streamline the atomic age Navy.

Most officers read into it a plan to provide corps of all-purpose officers who can be employed in any department.

And it impresses them not at all. I haven't found one supporter.

Liza, one of the girls, ran forward. "What are you going to do with him?" Shouted one of the townfolk: "We're going to hang him with the rest!"

All the Pontipee brothers had now been lined up, and the Reverend Mr. Elcott held up his hand.

"Just a minute. Before we start the executions, there's one thing we've got to know. Whose baby did I hear crying?"

There was a silence as the girls looked at each other, and I could see the same idea dawning on all their faces.

All of a sudden, all the girls were smiling. And, almost together, they looked firstly at the plumed Pontipee boys and then at the Reverend Mr. Elcott.

"Mine!" they said. All of them.

WELL, as I said, Oregon in 1860 knows what to do when the voice of a baby is heard and a girl admits owing it. Ours was the State that invented shotgun weddings.

Which is how a mass wedding took place on our farm that spring afternoon, and how my six brothers-in-law gave me six sisters-in-law to help me around the house.

It had all started as so many marriages do, with the men deceiving the women.

But that spring, at the height of the marriage feast, you could see how well it had turned out.

What lies men will tell, and what tricks they'll try, to get you to the altar, won't they? But you don't have to worry—always providing, of course, you've got a few female tricks up your sleeve yourself!

THE END



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DON IDDON'S CHICAGO DIARY RECORDS

NO SLIGHT CASE OF MURDER

Big, bold, lusty Chicago keeps its lawless reputation

A Chicago, Tuesday. LMOST every time I visit Chicago there is an election hullabaloo blowing across America's second city. The current campaign is for the office of Mayor, and Chicagoans tell me that it is the biggest knock-down and drag-out fight since Big Bill Thompson, threatened bodily violence on a British king.

The headlines hit me like a hammer when I first arrived. One said: "Merriam Charges 700 Unsolved Gangland Murders." I thought the 700 perhaps should have read 70, but 700 it is over the years, and so hardly a slight case of murder.

Merriam (his first name is Robert) is practically a unique character in Chicago—he is an honest alderman and has served the city well, pressing for housing projects (slums are one of Chicago's greatest problems) and crusading against the tie-up between politics and crime which plagues Chicago.

Now Merriam is running for Mayor on the Republican ticket. He is backed by the official Republican Party, and the job he seeks is so important nationally that President Eisenhower is expected personally to endorse Bob Merriam.

For 24 years the Democrats have ruled Chicago. Presidential candidates have been picked here by the overlords who have run the Democratic machine.

Merriam's opponent is Richard Daley, an experienced Democratic Party politician, who lacks the electricity of Merriam.

Clean-up pledge

MERRIAM has been speaking at street corners where some of Chicago's killings took place.

"I blame a corrupt and arrogant Democratic machine for the city's 700 unsolved gangland murders," he says. "These slayings have given Chicago a worldwide reputation for lawlessness, and I pledge myself to clean up that reputation."

He also says: "Chicago is unique. It is the only com-

pletely corrupt city in America."

It saddens me to hear such harsh things said about one of my favourite cities. This is a big, bold, vital town, lusty and full of life, and I do not want it labelled. But there is no doubt that its politics have been corrupt.

There is a gangster group here known merely as "The Syndicate," which runs hotels, restaurants, bars, night clubs, gambling halls, and call-girl rings with scarcely any interference from the law.

There is a good chance if Merriam is elected—he has the powerful support of the Bible of the Mid-West, the Chicago Tribune, that at last reform will come to Chicago.

The city looks well. It is jammed and prosperous, husky and swaggering; I

have seen more new cars, bright-coloured 1955 models, on the streets than in New York.

There is an enormous sign on Michigan Boulevard which reads: "This is the magnificent mile. It is lined with the most beautiful buildings and the finest and most luxurious shops in the world."

But Chicago has some ugly slums and scars. Unable to sleep, I got up early and walked down West Madison and North Clark streets around eight o'clock in the morning. I was stopped four times in two blocks by down-and-outs.

The derelicts seem to drift to this city. Here on West Madison is the most infamous Skid Row in the New World—one cheap saloon after another, rotting (elementary, decaying) shops, dirt, and everywhere the ugly face of despair.

Thriving theatre

CHICAGO today is still a wide-open town and night life is as busy and bold as in any city I have ever visited. Although Chicago is less than half the size of New York it has almost as many night clubs, and there seems to be a bar on every block in midtown. (Wine shops are commonplace.)

But the legitimate theatre thrives also, and this week Tabulah Bankhead is appearing in "Dead Center," Deborah Kerr in "Tea and Sympathy," and Celeste Holm is singing at the Palmer House.

I am fascinated and so is all Chicago by a great battle now being waged between 81-year-old Sewell Avery, chairman of Montgomery Ward and Company, a \$720,000,000 business empire and mail-order house, and Louis Wolfson, a tough, shrewd financier who at 43 has accumulated a multi-million-dollar fortune.

Young Wolfson wants to take control of Montgomery Ward from the old Avery. So far the old man refuses to be ousted. He has taken care of Montgomery Ward's money well. He asks: "What's wrong with \$327,000,000 in 'bank' when he is admitted to being too cautious and betting on a depression.

Who will win the duel? My guess is Wolfson.

Serious thoughts

CHICAGO business men are upset by the Senate inquiry into the stock market, and Senator William Fulbright, the chairman of the investigating committee, is being called rudely "Senator Halfbright."

The Senate probe, and the Yalta papers have captured a lot of attention here. It was the Chicago Tribune which, learning that the New York Times had got a copy of the Yalta papers, forced the State Department to release the documents.

ANOTHER MOSCOW MISSION

By David Anderson

Vienna. NEXT week, a short, thick-set moustached man will step on a plane for Moscow.

It will be one of the great days of his life.

But unless some whim of fate turns his personality inside out, Raab will continue to look like a moderately prosperous businessman off a pile of a couple of nuts and bolts.

At 63, Raab is the unquestioned top man in Austrian politics. But he is not impressed. Austria is still a country swarming with occupation troops, a country with the Iron Curtain running through its middle.

The Curtain is wearing a little thin. The Russians are nowadays usually co-operative, sometimes even helpful. That is only because Raab, the smooth compromiser, has managed to convince them that co-operation pays. But the Russians are still there. Let things get tough between East and West, and Raab knows full well that Austria will feel it.

So he is off to Moscow. But this will be something much tougher than getting policemen to behave themselves, or improving freedom of movement from one part of the country to the other.

The Russians would rejoice in the chance to dicker a treaty with Raab behind the West's back.

A lesser man might let them think in advance that they could get away with it. Raab has told them flatly: "You are not going to sell me a bill of goods. Nothing will be decided without consultation with the Western Powers."

Nevertheless, Raab thinks he will get his way.

If he does, he will do it in his usual quiet, unassuming fashion.

The son and the grandson of master builders, he still looks and acts like a man who is content to take his time, turn out a lasting workmanlike job, and produce a sound business proposition at the same time.

He will explain to the Russians that they haven't much to gain by holding on to Austria, that the occupation cost's money, and the only possible gain in the occupation is to be had by agreeing to a deal which will be acceptable to the Western Powers.

Quite possibly he will win. He has a habit of winning.

He first went into politics in 1927 as a right wing conservative. In a chaotic election he joined Prince Starhemberg's "Heimwehr," a private army which looked for a while as though it might be all that could preserve public order in the face of depression, the threat of Hitler, and the possibility of a communist uprising.

When the Heimwehr began to look as though it was going Fascist, he quit and became Minister of Trade and Transport in Schuschnigg's government.

Hitler toppled Schuschnigg, and Raab went to work in Vienna road-building company which quietly made a specialty of giving refugees to anti-Nazis. On a road project a long way from anywhere a man could easily get lost. Besides, he reasoned, if there was nothing he could do to better the souls of fleeing take a vacation in road-building.

Roads, he reasoned, would outlast Hitler. He was right.

After the war he emerged as parliamentary chairman of the Austrian People's Party. Six years in opposition gave him a reputation for being what the Germans and in 1945 when he took over from socialist Chancellor Figl, he was ready to swing into action.

Austria, he realised, was in the front line of the cold war. His first job was to get it out of that spot. In the meantime, if the old war could be waged in Austria, the effect was bound to be felt elsewhere.

"When one has the Russian bear in the middle of the ropes," he emphasised, "there's nothing to be gained by twanking its tail with high sounding speeches."

The metaphor was a little mixed. But it had its point. Raab has never made a high sounding speech about the Russians.

He has dared to play an un-supported diplomatic game with the Russian bear, however, and he has been a success. A few water rights here, a lifting of a barrier there, the old trade deal, and the old agreement on procedure don't sound like much. Added together, they have made life in Austria tolerable for the first time since the war.

And, added together, they have left the Russians not much toicker over anything in fact except to complete the final deal and get out.

WHEN THE WOMAN PROFESSOR WENT TO WHIPSNADE

By TREVOR EVANS

THE day Professor Barbara Wootton, of London University, went to Whipsnade Zoo and looked at an elephant started a series of researches which have ended in a book about "reputable smash-and-grab"—her phrase for negotiated wage rises.

At Whipsnade she discovered that the big elephant there was earning at the rate of £600 a year from giving rides to children. That was before the war. It so happened that Mrs Wootton was then earning about £600 a year.

After the war she found that two elephants were jointly earning £1,355, and the job which Mrs Wootton used to do had been regraded and was now worth £1,350. Level pegging—ex-

cept that it now took two elephants to equal one woman.

All this stimulated the scientific curiosity of Mrs Wootton. She soon discovered plenty of contradictions and inconsistencies.

RARE REWARD

Moira Shearer's dancing, like a basket of strawberries, is prized and rewarded for its own sake. But that sort of "unscheduled reward" is rare. There must be other reasons why Jack gets more than Joe, even if Joe deserves the bigger reward.

Of course, Mrs Wootton got help from official sources about wage rates. The country bulges with such statistics.

It is also rich with reticence particularly among the "big money people." Mrs Wootton

found you can ask people in Whitechapel what they earn, spend, and save, but not people in Mayfair.

She thinks there is too much secrecy about salaries. It is not good enough to pretend that income is too sordid and materialistic a matter to be a proper topic for polite conversation.

The same people who sustain this pose are among the first to discuss the price of goods, fluctuations of stocks and shares, betting, and the opportunities of making money.

This business of cash-in-hand-on-the-race for higher wages is all very well. We tolerate it because it has been with us a long time.

But it depends more on strength than on common sense. It rests on three common arguments: the cost of living, which every wage increase tends to bump upwards; relatives (which means the engineers saying: "If the railwaymen can get more money, why can't we?"); and the government. But, oh, what a title

("You'll never get enough people to work here unless you pay them more").

All this has very little to do with economics or morals. It is merely a system where smash-and-grab is dressed up to look respectable and justifiable. So many things baffle Mrs Wootton in her search for a more orderly world. For example, why some workers are paid more than others for working and living in London. Instead of the province, why women are good enough to ferry-pilot aeroplanes but not drive London taxis; and why Soccer players seem to rank below Rugby players "in the subtle social hierarchy of the sporting world."

MAIN PROPOSAL

But she eventually arrives at her main proposal. Give priority to wage increases for those getting less than £8 a week. Taper off increases to those getting £800 to £1,000. Get tougher still with those getting more than £2,500. Freeze those getting more than £5,000.

Mrs Wootton's book is stimulating and argumentative. But, oh, what a title

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby Saturday, 9th April, 1955.

Over 1,000,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 8th April, at 6.00 p.m.

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.
5 D'Agullar Street at 5.00 p.m.
Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6.00 p.m.

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The Programmes and Entry Forms for the 10th Race Meeting 1954/55 to be held on Saturday 23rd April, 1955, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 12th April, 1955.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

EASTER RACE MEETING

Saturday 9th & Monday 11th April, 1955

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 24 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon on both days.
The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

MEMBERS ARE INFORMED THE 1955 SETS OF MEMBERS' BADGES AND LADIES' BROOCHES NOW SUPERSEDE THE PREVIOUS ISSUES.

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

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Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.
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Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

There will be no Cash Sweep on the Twelfth Race of the Second Day.

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$48.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Agullar Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the first day of the Race Meeting.

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SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 8th April, 1955, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office.

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By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

YESTERDAY'S BIG MATCH

THE BUSMEN FOLDED UP AS SOUTH CHINA GAINED THE ASCENDANCY

By "TOUCHWOOD"

No more tomfoolery. South China are taking no chances in the Senior Division League and they showed this by scoring three goals with two against them when they met Kowloon Motor Bus at Caroline Hill before a sellout crowd yesterday evening.

The Busmen, acknowledged as the terror team in the League for their rough and tough soccer, were nothing terrible yesterday. They played anything but constructive football and except for their brief first spell they folded up in the next when South China gained the ascendancy.

For the KMB team the match with South China was a big story of if forwards Szeo Man, Lee Chun-fat and Tang Yee-Kit had more accuracy in their patches at goal, perhaps they would have won. As it was KMB had more misses than hard luck.

And luckily, too, for the Busmen for South China's combination did not click until after the resumption when the odds were against them—they were a goal behind.

And for South China's victory they must thank goalkeeper Pau King-yin, who kept KMB's goal-hungry forwards Szeo Man, Lee Chun-fat and Tang Yee-Kit frustrated with some grand saves.

DANGER MEN

The danger men of South China were Ho Cheung-yau, Tong Sheung and Lee Yik-tak. Time and again they ripped holes in the Busmen's defence for the goals as they came. If one were to single out a particular player who was responsible for South China's narrow win then Lee Yik-tak undoubtedly was the player for the victorious team yesterday.

Lee Yik-tak was the man of the hour for South China in the needle match. When things went wrong, the burden of pulling the game out of the first fell on Yik-tak and how well he rose to the occasion was seen when he netted not only the goal that tied the score at 2-2 but also went on to slam in the winning goal midway in the second half.

Kowloon Motor Bus made the mistake of fielding Tang Yiu-wah at left back. Tang was more or less a passenger in the team and his sliding tackle to get rid of the ball often did more damage to his own side.

Because of Yiu-wah's persistent in-front-of-the-goal sliding tactics South China were awarded several flag kicks which fortunately for the Busmen came to naught.

THE SCHEMER

If you happen to meet Tong Sheung this evening give him a pat on the back for his brilliant performance as schemer of the hour for South China. Tong Sheung was the brains behind every move by his team. At left half Tong Sheung was the man who kept alive South China's hopes when the score was against them.

If it wasn't for Tong Sheung yesterday the Busmen might have very well walked off the field with another victory over South China as they did in a previous encounter when they won by two goals to one.

Mok Chun-wah, at left wing, was a tireless worker who had a share of Lee Yik-tak's two snap goals.

KMB's Lee Tai-fai, Lee Chun-fat and Tang Sum did their share of work, but they were fumbled in front of goal.

It was South China who drew first blood in the 19th minute when a move originated from Yu Cheuk-yin saw him booting the ball over to a waiting Ho Cheung-yau and the latter's rising shot had Wai Fat-kim beaten all the way for the opening goal of the match.

South China's 1-0 lead lasted for only four minutes, for KMB retaliated with a sustained attack and their equaliser came in the 23rd minute with Lee Chun-fat nodding in the goal.

The Busmen, inspired with this sudden and unexpected goal, played havoc with a demoralised South China side. They staged a raid after raid but their forwards appeared to be goal shy when they had ample opportunity to take shots at goal.

KMB took a 2-1 lead in the 27th minute when in a sudden raid a Lee Chun-fat—Lee Tai-fai combination resulted in Tai-fai taking a shot at random—the ball sailed goalwards, hit the underside of the crossbar and rebounded into the far corner of the net—to give the Busmen the lead.

From then onwards the Busmen were presented with at least two open chances to notch another goal that could have given them a 3-1 victory, but as it turned out the issue and the importance of the match overrode them. They shot wildly and their hope of beating South China deserted them.

This goal so motivated South China that they were forced on the defensive for the next 10 minutes before they pulled themselves together. Here, Tong Sheung rose to the occasion and through his moves South China were able to turn defence into attack.

When the interval arrived, South China were one goal down.

South China, far from giving up the fight, returned in the second half determined to set things right. Once their combination clicked it was practically a one-way traffic for South China. After several attempts at goal, South China made it 2-2 in the 12th minute when a Lee Yik-tak header off a Chu Wing-wah flag kick saw the ball resting in the back of the net.

This was the signal for the South China forwards to unleash all their reserves of stamina for the winning goal that mattered so much to them.

South China had not long to wait. Wai Fat-kim brought the ball in, weaved past two defenders and then let fly a lovely shoulder high shot that gave Wai Fat-kim no chance. This turned out to be the winning goal for South China and the Busmen for the rest of the game were a spent force.

Even if they tried enough at this stage they were incapable of beating Pau King-yin who had a comparatively easy time between the posts.

The final whistle arrived with the score South China 3, KMB 2 and that about sums up the closeness of this vital match yesterday.

THE TEAMS

South China: Pau King-yin; Lau Chi-ping, Lau Yee; Luk Tak-hay, Ko Po-leung, Tong Sheung; Chu Wing-wah, Ho Cheung-yau, Lee Yik-tak, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

KMB: Wai Fat-kim; Hung Hing-yuk, Tang Yiu-wah; Tang Sum, Lau Tim, Poon Kai-hung; Szeo Man, Lee Chun-fat, Tang Yee-Kit, Lee Tai-fai, Lam Kam-tung.

Referee: E. G. Dawson.

INDIAN CRICKET

Madras Wins Ranji Trophy

Madras won the Ranji Trophy, the cricket championship of India, in beating Holkar by 46 runs here today.

This was Madras's first win in the Championship since its inception 21 years ago. There was an exciting finish to the five-day match, Holkar making a gallant bid to score 373 in about five hours for victory. They were all out for 328 with 20 minutes left for play.

SCORES:—
Madras 478 (C. Gopinath 133, S. Balakrishnan 78, Kalpal Singh 75, A. K. Sarangpani not out 74, K. Gokulnath 44 for 137) and 311 (Kalpal Singh 91, Alagannan 56 not out, Sarwate three for 83, V. Dixit three for 50).
Holkar 417 (Novsarkar 85, Jadhav 77, Mustaq Ali 55, Nurgesh three for 97) and 240 (Sarwate 158, R. P. Singh 54, Mustaq Ali 57, Nurgesh five for 114).—China Mail Special.

SULLIVAN TO MEET HANS STRETZ

Manchester, Apr. 6. Johnny Sullivan, the British and Empire Middleweight Boxing Champion, will fight Hans Stretz, the German Middleweight title holder, at Belle Vue, here, on April 29.

Efforts were made for a match between Sullivan and Tiborio Mitri, Italy's former European Champion, on April 22 here but Mitri has a cut eye and will be unable to box for some time.—China Mail Special.

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A TENSE MOMENT PASSES



It was a tense moment for KMB's custodian, Wai Fat-kim, as South China's Ho Cheung-yau (centre) crashed in a sizzling drive that brought Wai up in the air. Luckily for the Busmen, the ball sailed over the bar and rested on top of the net. Behind Ho is KMB's Hung Hin-yuk and on the right Lau Tim. South China won 3-2.—China Mail Photo.

Britain's Footballers Face Their Toughest Week-End Of The Year

By DENNIS HART

Britain's footballers are set for their toughest week-end of the year—Easter. Happy, quiet Eastertide, but for 2,500 footballers four days of hard work and worry.

Most teams play three matches in the four days. And for many these three matches will decide next season's status. A good Easter and promotion can be clinched or relegation averted. A bad one and it is another season in the same division, or, even worse, in a lower one.

Perched right on top of the First Division and with a chance to hatch the golden egg is Chelsea. The Pensioners, who have struggled along these fifty years without gaining one major honour, have a great chance to make it a grand golden jubilee by winning the League championship.

True their challengers have matches in hand. But Chelsea have the points.

Chelsea have only two holiday games. Both are at home. On Friday they receive lowly Sheffield United. They should win this and be geared up for the visit the following day of

chief rivals Wolves, the reigning champions. This match will be worth four points to each side, will almost certainly settle the First Division issue.

RAMPAGING WOLVES

It is Chelsea's defence which last Wednesday snuffed out Sunderland's talent-laden attack, and set back the Wear-siders' championship claims.

Half backs Derek Saunders and new England cap Ken Armstrong can also help draw Wolves' fangs.

Up from Chelsea are less impressive. But with the defence to half the battle for them Roy Bentley, Frank Blunstone and Co., should be able to do enough to clinch victory.

Australia 299 All Out Against Trinidad

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Apr. 6. Trinidad, with all their second innings wickets in hand, were three runs behind Australia at the close of play on the third day of their match here.

Australia, 108 for two wickets overnight, were all out for 299 at tea in reply to Trinidad's first innings total of 217. The Colony were 79 for no wicket in their second innings at the close of play.

Les Favell, 68 overnight, added only five more runs before he was caught off pace bowler L. Butler.

In a fine spell Butler took three more wickets for a final analysis of five for 93.

Chief resistance came from Gil Langley and Jack Hill in a night wicket stand of 43.

Of the eight Australians dismissed today Carl Furlonge caught four.

Jeff Stollmeyer, West Indies and Trinidad Captain, showed a welcome return to form and was unbeaten with 44 for the Colony when stumps were drawn.—Reuter.

HOME RUGGER

London, Apr. 6. Rugby Union results: Cheltenham 3 Gloucester 11; Blaina 3 Abercilly 8.—Reuter.

Nothing less than victory will satisfy Chelsea. With two other games against inconsistent Aston Villa, Wolves look certain to pick up at least three points.

Three other challengers in the Championship Stakes are Portsmouth, Everton and Cup-and-League chasing Manchester City.

All face a tough holiday programme. Portsmouth, after a home game against Charlton on Friday, travel to West Bromwich Albion on Saturday and on to Charlton for the return on Monday.

Everton kick off with two home games, with Newcastle and Spurs, then face an away tussle with Newcastle, Manchester City also begin with home games. They meet West Brom and Sunderland and finish with the away return Cup winners Albion.

All three would probably be glad to take four points over the holiday. But even if successful, such a rally is unlikely to be sufficient to catch Wolves of Chelsea.

Sheffield Wednesday already seem doomed to relegation. Leicester's holiday programme, two matches with Preston and one against Manchester United,

should confirm that the Midlanders will go down too. But Blackpool cannot feel easy. They travel to Burnley on Friday, Arsenal on Saturday and meet Burnley at home on Monday.

Leicester provides Second Division Luton with a great chance of making sure of promotion and perhaps of winning the championship.

Their three games are against two of their closest challengers, Leeds and West Ham at home and Leeds away. Conversely the chance is there for Leeds and West Ham to pin back Luton. But given an injury free run I fancy the Hatters—as Luton are called—will make the progress.

Victories for them incidentally can clear the way for Blackburn, who should come out on the credit side from their two matches with Lincoln and one with Hull, to go ahead with them.

DARK HORSES

Dark horses of the Second Division, West Ham, have come through with a late run. But besides meeting Luton their holiday list includes home and away games with Fulham, which means Johnny Haynes, Bobby Robson, Charlie Mitten and all.

Easter aims for Ipswich and Derby are to grab all the points they can to avoid the drop into the Third Division. The outlook is bleak for both.

Ipswich are at home to Bristol Rovers and away to Stoke. Two points seem their maximum. Derby have three games, but as they travel to Rotherham and Swansea a couple of points looks to be their limit too.

With two home games apiece, Bristol City and Accrington Stanley can make it a happy Easter for their supporters by making all but certain of winning the South and North sections of the Third Division respectively.

Here then is my Easter parade of honours, Chelsea to win the First Division, Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester for relegation, Luton and Blackburn to gain promotion from the Second, Ipswich and Derby to drop into the Third, Bristol City and Accrington, taking their places. Finally Aberdeen to clinch the Scottish Division "A" title, and Airdrie Division "B".

(London Express Service)

Sports Diary

TODAY

Div. 1: St. Joseph's v Kwong Wah (Club) 8 p.m. Club v Gymnastic (Snp). Div. 2: Two v C.A.A. (Ch). Both matches at 8 p.m.

Invitational Tournament at China Street Club at 8 p.m.

TOMORROW

Div. 1: K.T.C. v H.K.C.

SATURDAY

Div. 1: K.T.C. v Club (Ch); Kwong Wah v R.A.P. (Club); Navy v K.M.B. (Navy); Police v St. Joseph's (Snp). All matches at 3 p.m.

Div. 2: South China v Police (Ch); Club v South China (Snp). Gymnastic v Western (Navy). Jovana v R.A.P. (Snp). All matches at 3 p.m.

Div. 3: Police v Army (Snp) 5 p.m.

Div. 4: "B": Telephone v C.M.B. (Snp). All matches at 3 p.m.

Div. 5: Happy Valley v St. Joseph's (Snp). All matches at 3 p.m.

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be held at the Head Office of
the Society, Union Building,
Hong Kong, on Thursday,
26th May 1955 at 11.30 a.m.,
to receive the Directors'
Report and the Statement of
Accounts, to declare a
dividend and to transact the
ordinary business of the
Society.

THE SHARE TRANSFER
BOOKS of the Society will be
CLOSED from 7th May to 26th
May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
L. B. STONE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Apr., 1955.

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Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given
that an EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the
Shareholders of the Society
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Pedder Street, Hong
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Twenty-sixth day of May
1955 at 11.45 a.m., or so soon
afterwards as the Ordinary
Yearly Meeting, to be held at
11.30 a.m. on that day, shall
have concluded, when the
subjoined resolutions will be
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Resolutions:—

(1) That the Issued Capital of
the Society be increased from
£1,350,000 to
£1,500,000 by the creation
of fifteen thousand new
shares of £10 each.

(2) That:—

(a) It is desirable to
capitalize a sum of One
hundred and fifty thousand
pounds being part of the
undivided profits of the
Society standing to the
credit of the Exchange and
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Account and accordingly
that such sum be
capitalized and applied
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fifteen thousand new
shares of the Society of
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satisfaction thereof.

(b) The Board of Directors
be hereby authorized to
allot and issue new
Shares for distribution in
the manner and proportions
aforesaid.

By Order of the Board,
L. B. STONE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Apr., 1955.



WITH unusually serious expression, comedian Jimmy Edwards practices Elgar's Seventh Suite on the bass trombone, while wearing the blue and red uniform of the Barnes, Surrey, Brass Band, Jim, who was born in Barnes, is president of the Band which is entered for the National Brass-Band Competition. — (Reuterphoto).

FROM ANTI TO PRO INDIA-EGYPT ACCORD

Berlin, Apr. 6.
The East German Ministry of
Interior announced today that
one-time anti-Bolshevik Professor
Vladimir Vassilaki has
asked for political asylum in
East Germany in order to prepare
for repatriation to the
USSR.

Vassilaki has been President
of the League of Anti-
Bolshevik Organisations of the
Peoples of the Soviet Union,
and has headed a group of
Ukrainian emigres. — France-
Presse.

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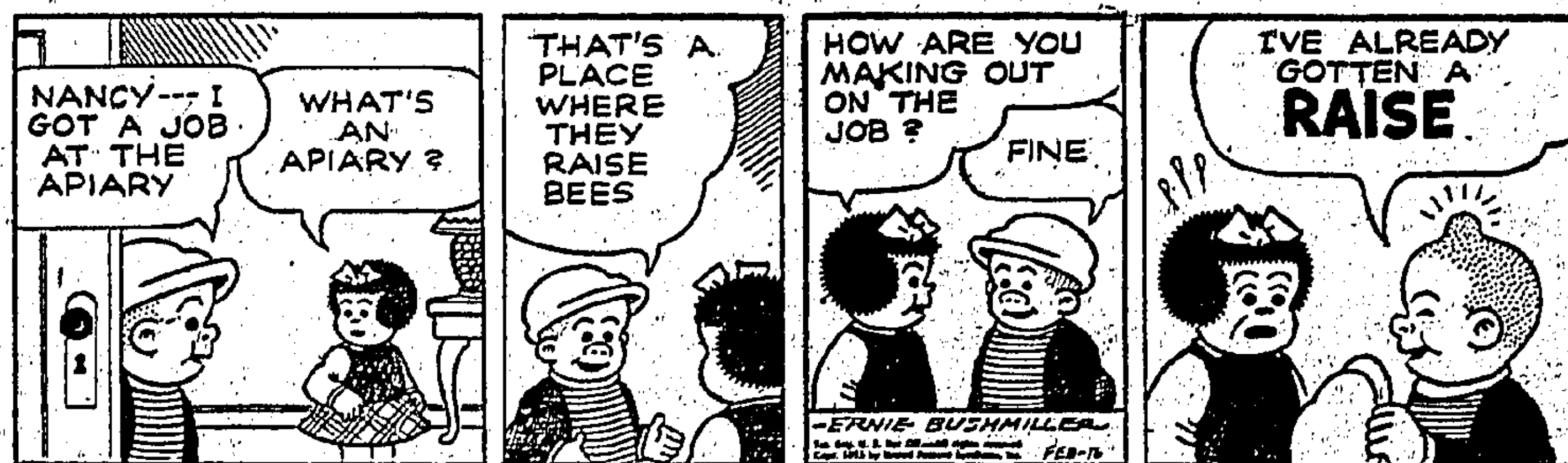
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There Were 'Pure Water' Rules 4,000 Years Ago

Men can live without clothes, without shelter and for some time without food. Without water, however, he soon perishes. It is not surprising therefore that from the earliest period of man in geological history, evidences of human habitation have been closely associated with rivers, springs, wells or other primitive sources of water.

Throughout history, it has been said, "after the passion of love, water rights have caused more trouble than anything else to the human species."

As time went on, the search for water for survival was gradually paralleled by an equally persistent quest for "pure" water. For thousands of years, people increasingly demanded a more satisfactory water for drinking and other purposes.

Through the centuries, to be sure, definitions of purity varied, as users became more sophisticated in understanding and in demands.

Criteria of purity became more complex, more quantitative and more rigid as the scientific principles of water-borne diseases were elaborated, as aesthetic requirements became more refined and as industrial processes matured into major significance.

CHANGES SLOW

These changes were slow, at least in the first few thousands of years of the search for pure water.

In the last century and in many countries, but unfortunately not in all, the search has been intensified with overwhelming results within economic attainments. Today the consumer in these countries need not use a dirty water, or one biologically unsafe, or chemically objectionable, or even unsatisfactory to the taste or to the smell.

To trace the practice which made these accomplishments possible, through almost 4,000 years, would require many volumes. It is possible, however, to cull from the history of these years important eras and to list at least a few of the relatively unknown individuals to whom society owes a debt impossible of repayment.

WATER ADVERTISED

By the early nineteenth century in England, pure water already had caught the popular imagination sufficiently to justify the following lines on the water carts from which

Who were these great "hewers of wood and drawers of water" to whom Joshua gave immortal prestige?

acceptance and made its fruition increasingly possible.

"It is good to keep water in copper vessels, to expose it to sunlight, and filter through charcoal" is a dictum not out of an engineer's report in 1884, but presumably from a collection of medical lore in Sanskrit of a probable date of 2,000 B.C.

From another Sanskrit source of the same period more comprehensive and remarkably modern water purification suggestions appear in the following terms:

"Impure water should be purified by being boiled over a fire, or being heated in the sun, or by dipping a heated iron into it, or it may be purified by filtration through sand and coarse gravel and then allowed to cool."

From ancient times to about the seventeenth century processes for improving the quality of water appear in the literature of Egyptian customs, of Biblical lore, of Greek and Roman practice, of devices in Arabia and Persia; all showing remarkable empirical forerunners of the scientifically elaborated techniques of the eighteenth to twentieth centuries.

Great engineers and great philosophers contributed to these dicta and arts during thousands of years, most of them unknown and many unnamed. As records became clearer, the names of Vitruvius, Hero of Alexandria, Pliny, Hippocrates, Frontinus, Avicenna, appear as the reporters and even builders of works for transport and purification of waters.

M. N. Baker, in his remarkable treatise, "The Quest for Pure Water," attributes to the seventeenth century significant experimental efforts in water purification by Sir Francis

water was sold in Monkwearmouth.

"It's limpid and clear from all mud.

This water I sell for the public good.

Its excellent virtues no mortal can tell.

So sweet is the water from Union Well."

Poor poetry, it is true, but it challenges us to find who brought this desire into public

Bacon of England; Johann Rudolph Glauber of Germany; Luc Antonio Porzio of Italy (for his multiple sand filter); the unknown engineers for the filter-cisterns at Venice; and to unsung engineers for the first known designs for an industrial water-purification plant for a paper mill in Auvergne, France.

The quest for pure water in the eighteenth century, as Baker aptly puts it, "was keen but the quarry was small."

Although four centuries of filtration had passed in France, the bulk of practice had been on small scale house and industry use.

From the late eighteenth century on, however, the work of Amy, Smith, Cuchet, Montfou, Ducommun, Mallet, Fonville, Souche, Puch, and Chabal deserve permanent recognition.

SANITARY AWAKENINGS

In England, Scotland and the United States the nineteenth and twentieth centuries marked the great sanitary awakenings in both the understanding of the broad relationships of pollution of water to disease and the development of large-scale efficient and economical processes of water purification.

In this progress, England and Scotland deserve primary honors for the early pioneer work in filtration and chlorination.

The American workers in the twentieth century extended application widely and perfected large-scale equipment in the field of so-called rapid filtration and chlorination.

To list the names of all the important contributors to these advances would be impossible, but it is perhaps not too invidious to select a few whose activities bulked large in our retrospective assay of producing pure water.

In England and Scotland, undoubtedly the following deserve mention for peculiarly distinctive imagination and imagination either in experiment or in large-scale application of water purification principles and devices:

James Peacock for his extraordinary filter patent in 1791; James Simpson for the great slow sand filters for London in 1829; Thomas Relford for his early but successful filters for Glasgow in 1807; Robert Thom for his filters in Scotland in the 1820's; Angus Smith for his concepts of filtration in the 1840's; Edwin Chadwick, the great lay sanitary reformer of the mid-nineteenth century; Percy F. Frankland, one of the first to point out the great significance of filters in removing bacteria (1888); and Sir Alexander Houston, the great scientist-post investigator of water problems and director of the laboratories for the control of the water supplies of London.

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Teenage Canadians Marrying

Ottawa, Apr. 6.
More and more Canadians in their teens or early twenties are getting married every year.

This trend represents in part a rebound from the depression era of the thirties when so many young people had no job and could not afford to get married. But in part, too, it is due to the fact that it is becoming more and more socially acceptable for young women to marry and carry on with their jobs.

The latest figures, just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, show that in 1953, no less than 24.2 per cent of all Canadians between the ages of 15 and 24 years were married, compared with 20.1 per cent in 1951 and only 14.8 in 1941.

MORE STRIKING

The percentages are still more striking for females between those same ages. In 1943, no less than 33.2 per cent of all these young Canadian women were married, as against 30.1 per cent in 1951 and 21.6 in 1941.

Changing social customs as well as prosperous economic conditions show up here and the number of young married women with paid jobs is a great factor.

Among the males, employment security is an important factor in promoting early marriage. The latest tabulation shows that among all Canadian males between the ages of 15 and 24, in 1953 married men amounted to 15.3 per cent as compared with 13.3 per cent in 1951 and only 8.0 per cent in 1941.

PROFOUND SIGNIFICANCE

This sharply increasing trend has profound social, and even moral significance, since it reduces the likelihood of promiscuity and prostitution. Socially, since the Canadian birth rate during this period has risen to a level above that of United States and almost double that of Britain, the increasing percentage of young married women who continue in full-time jobs does not yet worry welfare authorities too much.

But the statisticians have issued a warning that this factor, combined with the trend away from farms and to the city, may yet lead to a tendency towards a fall in the Canadian birth rate.—China Mail Special.

Croc Hunting Is Big Business

Johannesburg, Apr. 6.
Crocodile hunting is becoming big business in Africa.

Many young men who first went to the Rhodesias to make money out of tobacco farming, have now turned to this lucrative and adventurous profession, according to Mr. Len Benson, an immigrant from Lancashire.

Some experienced hunters, Mr. Benson said, are now making up to £2,000 a year out of the crocodile skins, which are in wide demand for handbags, wallets and suitcases.

Whenever notice is given that prospective hunters can apply for permits—that is the big obstacle because they are limited by the Government—applications seem to pour in from people who have had some hunting experience are usually granted, Mr. Benson said.

WOMEN TOO

A well-known former South African rugby player, Mr. Jack van der Schuyff, is at present operating along the banks of the Zambezi river. Many women have joined in the "big-time money" that can be earned.

Mr. Benson had no experience of crocodile hunting until two months ago. But he soon became adept—so much so that he and his companion, Mr. Cecil Manning of Bulawayo, have bagged 75 in two months.

"One can make a fortune out of crocodiles," Mr. Benson said. "An unblemished, first-class belly skin fetches 45 to 100 and 210 can easily be made out of the skin of a crocodile 14ft long."

"To make the most of this profitable venture one must be adequately equipped, and this can be expensive. At least two trucks, two outboard motors, skimming equipment, are necessary—costing £2,000 or so these days."—China Mail Special.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Another Plus Session

New York, Apr. 6.
Stocks chalked up another session on the plus side early today despite some late profit-taking.

Rails shares and selected industrials—the steel shares, metals, and numerous individual specialties—featured on the upside. The late selling concentrated on recent strong spots.

Trading picked up to 2,500,000 shares from yesterday's 2,100,000.

Wall Street saw today's trading as routine. Feet gains were held by individual specialties—issues such as Owens-Corning Fibreglass, up 4½; American Shipbuilding, 3½; and Grand Union and Stromberg-Carlson, up more than 2 points each.

MOST STEELS HOLD

Most steels held well although Bethlehem, the early leader, closed with a ½ point loss. US Steel finished more than a point higher.

Rail gains at the close ranged to a point or more in New Haven and Southern Railway in the average group and to 2 points or more in Missouri-Kansas Texas preferred.

Of 1,221 issues traded, 577 were higher, 410 lower. Some paper stocks met demand.

Chemicals were mixed. Most metals were strong. The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,440,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 860,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were as follows:

30 industrials 416.20
20 rails 152.50
15 utilities 153.21
40 bonds 99.97
Comm. future price index 153.59

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Allen Ind. Acy.	29 1/2
Allied Chemicals	95 1/2
Allis Chalmers	79 1/2
American Metal	25 1/2
American Smelting	50
American Tel. & Tel.	180
Armco Steel	61 1/2
Armstrong	14 1/2
Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton	43 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	56 1/2
Benetone Steel	62 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	72 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway	29 1/2
Case (J.I.)	18 1/2
Chase National Bank	31 1/2
Chile Copper	49 1/2
Chrysler Motors	73 1/2
Commercial Credit	50 1/2
Consolidated Edison	28 1/2
Corn Products	42 1/2
Curtis Wright	20 1/2
Dupont de Nemours	17 1/2
Eastman Kodak	50 1/2
General Electric	80 1/2
General Motors	80 1/2
Chrysler Safety Razor	80 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.) Co.	64 1/2
Goodyear	60 1/2
Hormel Foods	42 1/2
International Business	40 1/2
International Paper	64 1/2
International Nickel	82 1/2
International Telephone & Tel.	174 1/2
Jenn-Marville Co.	87 1/2
Kennecott Copper	100 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	100 1/2
Leeds Inc.	100 1/2
Loose Star Cement Co.	82 1/2
Monsanto Chemical	78 1/2
Monsiey Ward	78 1/2
National Distillers	21 1/2
National Lead	62 1/2
Ochs-Bartlett	38 1/2
Pacific Gas & Electric	46 1/2
Packard-Van Camp	12 1/2
Paramount Pictures	38 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2
Radio Corporation	49 1/2
Republic Steel	64 1/2
Shell Oil Co.	61 1/2
Sinclair Oil	54 1/2
Southern Railway (Com.)	84 1/2
Standard Brands	30 1/2
Standard Oil of California	70 1/2
Standard Oil of Indiana	44 1/2
Standard Oil of New Jersey	112 1/2
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	12 1/2
Swift & Co.	96 1/2
Union Carbide	80 1/2
Union Pacific Railway	150 1/2
United Gas Imp.	124 1/2
U.S. Gypsum	22 1/2
U.S. Steel	43 1/2
United States Smelting	56 1/2
Warner Bros.	18 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	74 1/2
Woolworth	20 1/2

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:	
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.80
Sterling notes (per £100)	13.60
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	27.60
Siam baht (per 100)	27.60
Singapore dollar (per 100)	1.20
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	0.05

China Deal With Czechoslovakia

China will supply Czechoslovakia with mineral and animal products, foodstuffs and tea under a trade and payments agreement for 1955 signed between the two countries, the New China News Agency reported today. China will get in return, Czechoslovakia will get steel products, machinery, motor cars and raw chemical materials.—Reuter.

WEST GERMANY PROGRAMMES

World Cotton Markets

New York, Apr. 6.
Cotton futures trading today moved over a narrow range in slow dealings as traders prepared for the weekend holidays.

Apart from an opening spurt of activity, traders thought the later pace was one of the slowest for any session this year.

At the close the list ruled unchanged to 11 points. The market opened off 2 to 3 points. New Orleans closed 5 to 15 points lower.

Initial activity featured selling credited to Liverpool accounts as the British market weakened under the impact of the dealers there set for Indian cotton.

Pre-weekend evening-up included trade commission house selling of May against purchases of July, supposed to represent the transfer of hedge positions forwarded in Liverpool selling featured in the Oct.-Dec. and July deliveries.

New speculative interest was additionally handicapped in continuing uncertainties over the outcome of farm legislation.

Trading volumes and open interest in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open interest
July	37,400	678,800
Aug.	31,400	852,500
Sept.	15,700	227,800
Oct.	27,800	280,500
Nov.	8,800	149,000
Dec.	5,200	154,100
Jan.	5,200	154,100
Feb.	5,200	154,100
Mar.	5,200	154,100
Apr.	5,200	154,100
May	5,200	154,100
June	5,200	154,100
July	5,200	154,100

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.25
May	33.75
July	33.75
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NEW ATOMIC MISSILE TESTED

Penney Sees First Explosion Of U.S. Air Force Secret Weapon 'COULD DESTROY A FORMATION'

A new Atomic anti-aircraft weapon was exploded six miles above the Nevada testing grounds today.

Las Vegas, Apr. 6.

Among scientific observers at the explosion was Sir William Penney, Britain's Atom chief. With him were 23 other British and Canadian scientists.

The fire ball lasted less than five seconds. The flash appeared brighter than the sun in Las Vegas, 75 miles away from the test area, but was not seen in Los Angeles, 250 miles away.

An Atomic cloud formed in the shape of a doughnut, according to observers on a mountain peak 55 miles away.

The test was the highest ever made. The weapon, which existed in secret, was disclosed by the Defence Department at the end of last month. It is said to be capable of destroying an entire formation of aircraft.

A special high altitude plane released it today.

The British and Canadian scientists watching were the first foreign observers at a Nevada test.

A PROTOTYPE
Scientists described the weapon as a prototype of an "Atomic air to air missile." Though a shock wave was felt on the observation mountain five minutes after the blast, none was felt in Las Vegas itself. Observers said the size of the cloud and flash indicated that the explosion was one of the smallest of the current series of nuclear tests of which it was the fourth. It was the 42nd Atomic explosion at the testing ground.—Reuter.

New Persian Premier

Tehran, Apr. 6.

Court Minister Hossein Ali has been designated by the Shah to form a new Iranian Government and will present his Cabinet to the Shah on Saturday, an authoritative source said today.

It was learned earlier that General Fazlollah Zahedi, the former Prime Minister, handed in his resignation for reasons of health. This resignation will be made official also on Saturday, the source said.

The source said the new Cabinet would be presented to Parliament on Sunday morning, and that on Sunday afternoon the new Prime Minister would leave for Europe for medical treatment.

A member of his Cabinet, probably Finance Minister Ali Amin, will head an interim government, the source said.

It was expected that the Finance, Foreign and War Ministers would remain unchanged in the new government.—France-Press.

Missed His Ship

A Danish seaman charged with wilfully remaining ashore in Hongkong when his ship the Johannes Meyer sailed on Monday, was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment by Mr. A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning.

The defendant, Paul Verner Sorenson Jensen, 35, older, was reported missing from the ship on Tuesday. The ship's agents informed the Police who located defendant on Wednesday at the Missions to Seamen, Wanchai.

This morning, on instructions from the Danish Consulate, defendant was brought to Court and charged with the offence. "I was drunk," said Jensen by way of explanation.

Not Going To Formosa

Washington, Apr. 6.
US Assistant Secretary of the Army Charles Finckh today said he knew nothing of any plan to send American land forces to Formosa.

He made this statement before a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, in reply to a question from Senator Stuart Symington (Democrat from Missouri).—France-Press.

He Claims A-Tests Are Changing The Weather

Tokyo, Apr. 6.

Japan's leading authority on air streams left Tokyo yesterday on a three month visit to the United States and Great Britain amid charges that the US was attempting to suppress his theory that H-bomb tests were causing freakish weather changes throughout the world.

Dr. Hidetoshi Arakawa, Director of the Air Streams Laboratory in the Government's Meteorological Research Institute, was scheduled to attend a national meteorological conference in Washington next month and inspect weather research installations in both America and Britain.

Dr. Arakawa, last Summer claimed that "radioactive ashes thrown into the stratosphere by atomic and hydrogen bomb explosions intercept the sun's rays just like ashes thrown up by a volcanic explosion. They enter excessively cold clouds and cause violent rains and other climate changes."

US weather scientists attacked Arakawa's theory, charging the ashes resulting from an H-bomb explosion were very slight in comparison to the dust thrown up by a big volcanic explosion, and insufficient to affect the weather.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 5 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 5.05 Jazz Hit Hour presented by Robert Ascherson. 5.15 News. 5.20 Portuguese Talk Hour (Studio). 5.25 Songs from the Show. 5.30 News. 5.35 Weather Report. 5.40 Time Signal. 5.45 World News (London). 5.50 News. 5.55 News. 6.00 News. 6.05 News. 6.10 News. 6.15 News. 6.20 News. 6.25 News. 6.30 News. 6.35 News. 6.40 News. 6.45 News. 6.50 News. 6.55 News. 7.00 News. 7.05 News. 7.10 News. 7.15 News. 7.20 News. 7.25 News. 7.30 News. 7.35 News. 7.40 News. 7.45 News. 7.50 News. 7.55 News. 8.00 News. 8.05 News. 8.10 News. 8.15 News. 8.20 News. 8.25 News. 8.30 News. 8.35 News. 8.40 News. 8.45 News. 8.50 News. 8.55 News. 9.00 News. 9.05 News. 9.10 News. 9.15 News. 9.20 News. 9.25 News. 9.30 News. 9.35 News. 9.40 News. 9.45 News. 9.50 News. 9.55 News. 10.00 News. 10.05 News. 10.10 News. 10.15 News. 10.20 News. 10.25 News. 10.30 News. 10.35 News. 10.40 News. 10.45 News. 10.50 News. 10.55 News. 11.00 News. 11.05 News. 11.10 News. 11.15 News. 11.20 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